



# State of the Infantry



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# Outline

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**Mission  
Adaptive Learning Environment  
Career Timelines  
Mobile Training Teams  
Infantry Force Concerns  
Communication/Connection**





# USAIS Mission



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**The USAIS trains and  
develops Soldiers and Leaders  
in Infantry war fighting skills  
who embody Warrior Ethos in  
support of our Army at war**





# Building and Training Warriors



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- Initial Military Training

- 10 week Basic Combat Training
- 14 week Infantry One-Station Unit Training (OSUT)
- 12 week Officer Candidate School
- 16 week Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course



## Leadership Development and Combat Skills Training

- Train Infantry NCOs, Lieutenants, Captains and Battalion/Brigade Commanders
- Provide Combat Skills Training in Support of ARFORGEN Requirements
- Mobile Training Teams that Train Soldiers at Home Station and World-Wide



***OUTCOME: Agile and Adaptive Combat Ready Soldiers and Leaders***



# Creating An Adaptive Learning Environment



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FROM THIS...

TO THIS...



- Hand to Hand



➤ Combatives



- Marksmanship



➤ Combat Field Fire



- Physical Training



➤ Physical Readiness Training

- Implemented combatives throughout the entire 14-week cycle
- Implemented a new Marksmanship strategy
- Training culminates in the Combat Field Fire
- Implemented Physical Readiness Training
- Soldiers complete the Global Assessment Tool prior to graduating as part of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program

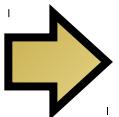


# Creating An Interactive Learning Environment



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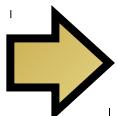
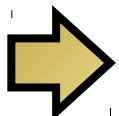


TO THIS...

- Large classrooms
- POI Driven
- Power Point Slides
- Instructor Focused

**Small Group**

- Outcome based training
- Virtual, constructive, gaming
- Student Focused





# Applying The Army Learning Concept

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## **Brick and Mortar (Power Point)**

### **Maneuver Captains Career Course**

- Principles of Reconnaissance
- 52 Slides

### **Combatives**

- Combatives Level I handbook (13 pages)

### **One Station Unit Training (OSUT)**

- Fundamentals of Basic Rifle Marksmanship
- ~1.5 to 2 hr powerpoint presentation

## **Live, Virtual, Constructive & Gaming**

### **Maneuver Captains Career Course**

- VBS2 scenario created
- Allows instructor to discuss principles with video reinforcement

### **Combatives**

- Modern Army Combatives Video
- Provides demonstration with visual and explanation to better prepare prior to execution

### **One Station Unit Training (OSUT)**

- Video read-ahead to prepare students
- Provides demonstrations on key components of BRM



BFV  
BFSYS  
COMBATIVES  
LEVEL 3

COMBATIVES LEVEL 4

INFANTRY MORTAR LEADER  
JUMPMASTER  
MECHANIZED LEADER (M2A2/ODS)

MECHANIZED LEADER (M2A3)

PATHFINDER

RSLC  
SMALL UAS (RAVEN) OPERATOR

SMALL UAS (RAVEN B) MAST TRAINER

SNIPER

INFANTRYMAN ALC  
INDIRECT FIRE INFANTRYMAN ALC

LONG RANGE MARKSMAN

SHORT RANGE MARKSMANSHIP (GWOT)  
SMALL ARMS WEAPONS AND OPTICS (GWOT)

JAVELIN TRAIN THE TRAINER (Ph3)

HEAVY WEAPONS LEADER

SNIPER EMPLOYMENT LEADER

SBCT TRANSITION

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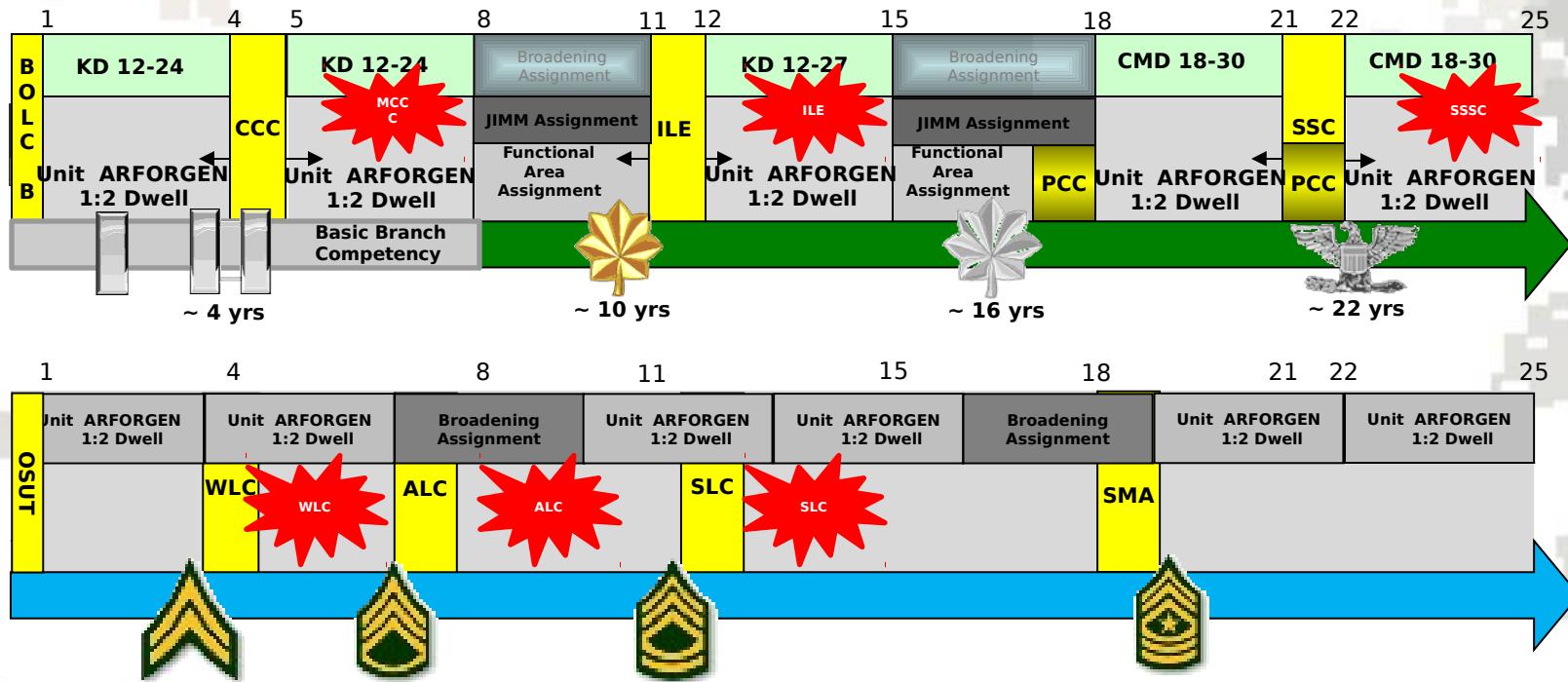


**MTT Priority nested  
with ARFORGEN**



# BASELINE INFANTRY CAREER TIMELINES

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**PME is Relevant and Important:** Bottom line...send your Leaders to school. By keeping them in your formation, you may hurt their timeline and impact their options.

**OUTCOME: Predictable, Sustainable, and aligned with ARFORGEN**



# Infantry Force Concerns

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- **Training management , supply discipline & maintenance management**
- **Stress on the Force (Suicide)**
- **SSG (E6) Master Gunner, Sniper, Ranger, fill rates are below 50% of authorizations**



# Ranger Issues

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- Ability to fill Ranger Coded positions with Ranger qualified NCOs reduced by 50% since 2000
- Ability to man RTB is significantly impacted
- Ranger Slots Available

**Need Ranger qualified NCOs**



# Strategic Communications



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## **USAIS Website**

- First Army installation to adopt DA CORE Form
- 100K + visitors monthly



## **Warfighting Forum**

- IBCT forum
- SBCT forum

## **Tip of the Bayonet e-Newsletter**

- Nearly 13k subscribers



## **Fort Benning Facebook**

- Nearly 30,000 fans since Jun 09
- 300k views; 13k interactions si



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## **Fort Benning Photos**

- 1.8 million photo views from Sept 09
- 28k photos loaded to site



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## **Infantry Senior Leader Newsletter**

- emailed to 35k Infantry leaders
- Published every quarter

